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The year thus represented has been unusually successful both to the Faculty and the Students. The disadvantages consequent upon the resignation of PRESIDENT NORTH, although they have increased the duties of the Faculty both in the class room and in the executive department, have been promptly met and overcome. The healthful emulation of the students is evident from the fact that the competitors for the various prizes of the year embrace more than one-half of those in attendance; while the reports of the examining committees, so far as they have been announced, are highly complimentary to the institution.

Since the beginning of the current year the prospects of the College have brightened. The corps of Professors has been increased by the valuable acquisition of DR. C. H. F. PETERS, as director of the Observatory. DR. PETERS—lately of the Dudley Observatory—is unquestionably one of the best practical astronomers in America. The powerful telescope recently completed, combined with the experience of its director, acquired in some of the first Observatories in Europe, his energy and enthusiastic devotion to astronomical science, will entitle the HAMILTON COLLEGE OBSERVATORY to a place among the first institutions of the kind in our country.

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Such acquisitions, and the class of students now in attendance, presage increasing prosperity to the institution; for the record of its development we confidently refer the public to the future issues of "THE HAMILTONIAN."

☞ During Commencement Week the Libraries, College Cabinet, Observatory, &c., will be open for the reception of Visitors.

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The Forty-Seventh Commencement is just at hand. Let us say a few words as to its promised pleasures.

To the sons of HAMILTON, there will be long-remembered scenes to be revisited; cherished recollections to be revived; old familiar faces to be seen. There will be graspings of friendly hands; hurried inquiries after old college friends, and pleasant tellings of college tales.

To the stranger, there will be the view of our beautiful scenery; our hill-sides "dotted with the homes of intelligence, industry and thrift;" our lovely valley, with its tree-embowered residences, its winding streams and fruitful fields.

To ALL, Commencement Week offers an intellectual and social entertainment of rare abundance and merit. It is not often that our Commencement Exercises present such an array of distinguished names. Add to these the acknowledged ability of the Graduating Class, the hospitality for which Clintonians are proverbial, and the social reunions which with them are inseparable from the pleasures, and with their guests, from the memories of Commencement Week, and we cannot doubt but that "the good time coming" will be indeed both pleasant and profitable to the friends of our *Alma Mater*.

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A PSALM OF LIFE.

BY H. W. LONGFELLOW.

TELL me not, in mournful numbers,
"Life is but an empty dream!"
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
"Dust thou art, to dust returnest,"
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than to-day.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act—act in the living Present!
Heart within, and GOD o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

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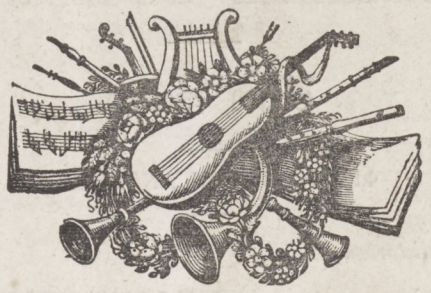

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PUBLIC EXERCISES DURING Commencement Week.

SUNDAY, July 18.

Rev. ASA D. SMITH, D. D., of New York, will address The Society of Christian Research at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, July 19.

Prize Declamation by members of the three lower classes, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, July 20.

FORENOON.

The Anniversary Exercises of the United Literary Societies will take place at the College Chapel, at half-past 10 o'clock A. M., under the direction of the Presidents of the Union and Phœnix Societies.

Phœnix Valedictorian,	HARRY A. GRANT, Enfield, Conn.
Union Valedictorian,	Not elected.

AFTERNOON.

Convention of The Sigma Phi Fraternity, at 3 o'clock, P. M.
Address, by Rev. M. L. R. P. THOMSON, D. D., Buffalo.
Poem, by Rev. A. C. KENDRICK, D. D., Rochester.

EVENING.

GEORGE W. CURTIS, Esq., of New York, will deliver an Address, and FREDERICK S. COZZENS, Esq., of Yonkers, a Poem, before the Union and Phœnix Societies, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, July 21.

FORENOON.

Hon. DANIEL S. DICKINSON, of Binghamton, will address the Graduating Class of the Law Department, at half-past 10 o'clock, A. M.

AFTERNOON.

The Anniversary of the Alumni will take place at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

Orator—Hon. ANSON STOW MILLER, Rockford, Ill.
Poet—GUY HENRY MCMASTER, Esq., Bath.

EVENING.

Collation to the Alumni and Friends of the College.

THURSDAY, July 22.

COMMENCEMENT.

The Exercises will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Fall Term will commence on Thursday, the 9th day of September.

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